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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Tom Munson, Senior Reclamation Specialist

RE: Site Inspection, Sprunger's Minerals, Serendipity, S/023/017; Eagles Roost & Beryl, S/023/018; Cactus 1 & 2, S/023/019; Cubical 1-8, S/023/020; ML 46956, S/023/044, and ML 47821, S/023/057; Juab County, Utah

Date of Inspection: 7/15/98

Time of Inspection: 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Conditions: Sunny and Hot

Participants: Sandra and Mike Sprunger, Owners; Tom Munson, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: To determine status of surface disturbances at the mine sites.

S/023/017

Serendipity - a 40 ft. by 50 ft. disturbance totally in Rhyolite. Road exists, but has other uses such as sheep herders, campers, chuker hunters, and rockhounds, therefore, the road is not included. Total disturbance = 2000 sq. ft.

S/023/018

Eagles Roost and Beryl - The Eagles Roost part of this permit is being released based on the fact it is only an insignificant disturbance and was only worked one time fifteen years ago with hand tools. It has no road and sits on the side of a cliff above the red beryl claims. There is no waste from the excavation and only a very small disturbance in solid rock. The total amount of disturbance is found in a 10 ft. by 10 ft. area.

The most disturbance is found on the beryl site and when visited 3 years ago by Mr. Munson and Sherri Wysong of the BLM was a 30 ft. by 20 ft. area. Mr Sprunger informed me that this site was being transferred to Gemstone Mining Inc. (GMI) in Cedar City. Apparently the transfer paperwork has not been completed (I gave Mr. Sprunger a transfer form). Due to the amount of time required to drive there and the impending transfer, this location was not visited during this inspection. Total disturbance = 600 sq. ft.

Note: This site was also taken (i.e., claims) under an option by the Sprunger's to Kennecott before GMI. Some question exists as to what work Kennecott did there? Mr. Sprunger indicated all that was done was a boulder removed from the road and the pit was sampled. I called Ms. Wysong of the BLM and she will check it soon for additional disturbance. There was also a request by Mr. Sprunger to investigate the recent disturbance created this spring by some unknown party.

S/023/019

Cactus #1 - federal mining claim, existing road, 2 small disturbances. Total disturbance 20 ft. x 20 ft. = 400 sq. ft.

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S/023/020

Cubical # 2 - 1 area (20 ft. X 20 ft.) exploration site and a pit area of approximately ½ acre. The road was created pre -1977, but is being used mainly by rockhounds to access this site as well as twice a year by the Sprunger's. The total disturbance = 20,000 sq. ft..

Cubical # 7 - an area (20 ft. X 30 ft.) was found at this site. According to Mr. Sprunger' this site was not disturbed by him and the road was not there before. After discussions with a Mr. John Holfert he indicated he had disturbed this site with his equipment (trackhoe) to clean the topsoil off. He stated that it was his claim which he had surveyed. The road accessing the site is 1,000 feet long and, according to Mr. Sprunger, was not there prior to Mr. Holfert's work. The total disturbance = @10,000 sq. ft.

S/023/044

State Mineral Lease # ML46956 - This state lease is within an established BLM rock hound area called the amphitheater. Only limited blasting and work has been preformed because of the public use in the area. A disturbance of 10 ft. by 10 ft. is all that is found in an area previously impacted by rockhounds. Total disturbance = 100 sq. ft.

S/023/057

State Mineral Lease #ML47821 - a small disturbance created with a backhoe (30 ft. X 30 ft.). Future work planned but not completed is segregating topsoil and boulder piles for reclamation. A two track road accesses this site and the portion beyond the pass near the excavation should be included in permit. Included under this permit is a pit on the ridge above the site with about a 20 ft. X 20 ft. disturbance. Total disturbance = 1300 sq. ft.

Recommendations:

A map of the Thomas Range was sent to Mr. Sprunger' on 7/17/98 to determine which of his small mine sites are less than 2 miles apart and can be combined into one site (via DOGM's *Related and Neighboring Sites Policy*). If small mine sites (S/023/017, 019, and 057) **are combined** into one, the Division will need the map demarking these sites and their distance from one another verified.

It is my recommendation that permit number S/023/018, Beryl site, be put on hold until the small mine permit transfer is verified by GMI and we have the transfer form in hand.

Cubical #7 and #2 (S/023/020) should be combined. Mr. Sprunger stated that Mr. Holfert should not be able to mine on this site. This is a civil matter between Mr. Holfert and Mr. Sprunger and until a transfer is completed, Mr. Sprunger is responsible for all disturbances on Cubical #2 and #7. This site should be charged a \$100 permitting fee.

The Amphitheater site (S/023/044) should also be charged a \$100 permit fee.

It is my opinion that the Sprunger's owe \$300 in permitting fees and possibly \$400 if the Beryl site is not transferred.

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